



2003-04
Offices of the
Legislative Assembly
Estimates



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The 2003-04 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates present the budget plans for the Offices of the Legislative Assembly.

The Legislative Assembly will be asked to appropriate money from the General Revenue Fund based on these Estimates, pursuant to section 1(1) of the *Appropriation Act, 2003*.

The Schedule of Amounts to be Voted from the General Revenue Fund is excerpted from the *Appropriation Act, 2003* showing each vote by Office of the Legislative Assembly.

The Summary by Office shows amounts for operating expense, and equipment / inventory purchases where appropriate, together with historical data on a comparable basis.

The Summary of Operating Expense by Object for all Offices identifies amounts for salaries, supplies and services, amortization of capital assets and other items.

Equipment / Inventory Purchases are defined as capital assets which are routinely moved or which may be installed as a service level improvement. For the Offices of the Legislative Assembly, these purchases may include attractive assets, appliances, display cases, furniture, office equipment, shelving, storage containers, and information technology, communications and security systems and facilities. These purchases have a minimum value of \$15,000 for all Offices of the Legislative Assembly, except for the Office of the Auditor General, which has set its minimum value at \$2,500.

Voted Estimates are presented for each Office by vote and element.

The Voted Estimates contain **net budgeting provisions** for goods and services which are subject to variable demand and for which a credit or recovery is received from external or internal sources. The Voted Estimates show the gross expense, credit or recovery, and the net expense for each such initiative. If, during the fiscal year, expenses and credits or recoveries are both expected to exceed the amount budgeted, Treasury Board may increase the Voted Estimate, pursuant to section 24(2) of the *Financial Administration Act*. If the budgeted credits or recoveries are not realized, the gross expense is managed so that it does not exceed the gross estimate less the shortfall in credits or recoveries.

Statements of Operations are also presented for each Office.

OFFICES OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

SCHEDULE OF AMOUNTS TO BE VOTED

for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2004

| OFFICE/ VOTE | Estimates |
|---|------------|
| OFFICES OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY | \$ |
| SUPPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY | |
| Operating Expense | 36,296,000 |
| OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL | |
| Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases | 17,305,000 |
| OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN | |
| Operating Expense | 1,958,000 |
| OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER | |
| Operating Expense | 1,994,000 |
| OFFICE OF THE ETHICS COMMISSIONER | |
| Operating Expense | 387,000 |
| OFFICE OF THE INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSIONER | |
| Operating Expense | 3,293,000 |
| Amount of Operating Expense and Equipment / Inventory Purchases to be voted under section 1(1) of the <i>Appropriation Act, 2003</i> | 61,233,000 |

SUMMARY BY OFFICE

(thousands of dollars)

OPERATING EXPENSE and EQUIPMENT / INVENTORY PURCHASES

| | 2003-04 Estimates | | | Gross Comparable | | |
|---|-------------------|--------------------|--------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Gross | Credit or Recovery | Net | 2002-03 Forecast | 2002-03 Budget | 2001-02 Actual |
| Operating Expense | | | | | | |
| Support to the Legislative Assembly | 36,296 | (449) | 35,847 | 34,930 | 34,930 | 30,891 |
| Office of the Auditor General | 17,200 | - | 17,200 | 16,571 | 16,571 | 14,763 |
| Office of the Ombudsman | 1,958 | - | 1,958 | 1,829 | 1,829 | 1,444 |
| Office of the Chief Electoral Officer | 1,994 | - | 1,994 | 1,760 | 1,760 | 1,132 |
| Office of the Ethics Commissioner | 387 | - | 387 | 372 | 372 | 300 |
| Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner | 3,293 | - | 3,293 | 3,220 | 3,220 | 2,665 |
| Voted Operating Expense | 61,128 | (449) | 60,679 | 58,682 | 58,682 | 51,195 |
| Equipment / Inventory Purchases | | | | | | |
| Office of the Auditor General | 105 | - | 105 | 145 | 145 | 1,117 |
| Voted Equipment / Inventory Purchases | 105 | - | 105 | 145 | 145 | 1,117 |
| TOTAL VOTED | 61,233 | (449) | 60,784 | 58,827 | 58,827 | 52,312 |

OFFICES OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - *Continued*

SUMMARY OF OPERATING EXPENSE BY OBJECT FOR ALL OFFICES
(thousands of dollars)

| | 2003-04 Estimates |
|---|----------------------|
| Salaries, Wages and Employee Benefits | 29,321 |
| Supplies and Services | 18,317 |
| Grants to Others | 3 |
| Payments to Members of the Legislative Assembly | 13,089 |
| Financial Transactions and Other | - |
| Amortization of Capital Assets | 398 |
| Gross Expense | 61,128 |
| Dedicated Revenue | (449) |
| Net Expense | 60,679 |

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYMENT

| | 2003-04 Estimates | Comparable 2002-03 Budget |
|--|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Support to the Legislative Assembly | 245 | 245 |
| Office of the Auditor General | 126 | 126 |
| Office of the Ombudsman | 22 | 23 |
| Office of the Chief Electoral Officer | 9 | 9 |
| Office of the Ethics Commissioner | 3 | 3 |
| Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner | 31 | 30 |
| Total Full-Time Equivalent Employment | 436 | 436 |



SUPPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

THE HONOURABLE KEN KOWALSKI
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
325 Legislature Building, 427-2464

W. J. DAVID McNEIL
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
801 Legislature Annex, 427-2478

The Legislative Assembly is the parliament of Alberta, consisting of members who are elected by the people of Alberta. Through them, Albertans make provincial laws and provide money needed by the government for the present and future good of the people of the province. In keeping with the time-honoured tradition of parliamentary self-government, the Lieutenant Governor gives assent to the laws so made by Albertans.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)

| | 2003-04 Estimates | | | Gross Comparable | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Gross | Credit or Recovery | Net | 2002-03 Forecast | 2002-03 Budget | 2001-02 Actual |
| OPERATING EXPENSE to be voted | 36,296 | (449) | 35,847 | 34,930 | 34,930 | 30,891 |

OBJECTIVE

To provide for the necessary administrative and financial support to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Provides all services required for the operation of the Legislative Assembly including committees.

Provides for publication of Alberta Hansard, the Order Paper, Votes and Proceedings and Bills.

Provides for public information, public education and visitor services programs.

Provides a library service to the Legislature, public service and general public.

Provides for expenses incurred in connection with inter-parliamentary relations activities.

Provides for payment of mailing, telephone and other communication expenses for Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides for expenses for Members' constituency offices.

Provides for payment of indemnities, committee allowances, expense allowances and living expenses to Members of the Legislative Assembly as authorized by the *Legislative Assembly Act*.

Provides for payment of disability benefits and health insurance premiums and benefits for Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides for electronic data processing services to support Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides for transportation expenses of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides for payment of transition allowances to former Members of the Legislative Assembly.

SUPPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - *Continued*
(thousands of dollars)

OPERATING EXPENSE

| Reference / Element | 2003-04 Estimates | | | Comparable 2002-03 Forecast | | | Gross Comparable 2002-03 Budget | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|----------|--------|-----------------------------|----------|--------|---------------------------------|--|
| | Credit or | | Net | Credit or | | Net | | |
| | Gross | Recovery | | Gross | Recovery | | | |
| 1 Legislative Assembly Office | | | | | | | | |
| Administration | 9,746 | (448) | 9,298 | 8,930 | (169) | 8,761 | 8,930 | |
| 2 MLA Administration | 22,785 | (1) | 22,784 | 21,825 | (1) | 21,824 | 21,825 | |
| 3 Government Members' Services | 2,646 | - | 2,646 | 2,597 | - | 2,597 | 2,544 | |
| 4 Official Opposition Services | 807 | - | 807 | 791 | - | 791 | 791 | |
| 5 New Democrat Opposition Services | 293 | - | 293 | 287 | - | 287 | 287 | |
| 6 Electoral Boundaries Commission | 19 | - | 19 | 500 | - | 500 | 500 | |
| 7 Vacant Members' Services | - | - | - | - | - | - | 53 | |
| TOTAL | 36,296 | (449) | 35,847 | 34,930 | (170) | 34,760 | 34,930 | |

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
(thousands of dollars)

| | 2003-04 Estimates | Comparable 2002-03 Forecast | Comparable 2002-03 Budget | Comparable 2001-02 Actual |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| REVENUE | | | | |
| Premiums, Fees and Licences | | | | |
| Various | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Other Revenue | | | | |
| Various | 448 | 169 | 169 | 299 |
| Total Revenue | 449 | 170 | 170 | 300 |
| EXPENSE | | | | |
| <i>Voted</i> | | | | |
| Support to the Legislative Assembly | 36,296 | 34,930 | 34,930 | 30,891 |
| Total Voted Expense | 36,296 | 34,930 | 34,930 | 30,891 |
| <i>Statutory</i> | | | | |
| Valuation Adjustments and Other Provisions | - | - | - | 3,331 |
| Total Voted and Statutory Expense | 36,296 | 34,930 | 34,930 | 34,222 |
| Gain (Loss) on Disposal of Capital Assets | - | - | - | - |
| NET OPERATING RESULT | (35,847) | (34,760) | (34,760) | (33,922) |



OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

FRED J. DUNN
Auditor General
8th Floor, 9925 - 109 Street, 427-4222

The mission of the Office of the Auditor General of Alberta is to identify opportunities and propose solutions for the improved use of public resources, and to improve and add credibility to performance reporting, including financial reporting, to Albertans.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED (thousands of dollars)

| | 2003-04 Estimates | | | Gross Comparable | | |
|--|-------------------|--------------------|-----|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Gross | Credit or Recovery | Net | 2002-03 Forecast | 2002-03 Budget | 2001-02 Actual |

| | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| OPERATING EXPENSE and EQUIPMENT / INVENTORY PURCHASES to be voted | 17,305 | - | 17,305 | 16,716 | 16,716 | 14,763 |
|--|---------------|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|

OBJECTIVE

To conduct professional, independent audits and express opinions as required by section 18 of the *Auditor General Act* and other statutes, on the financial statements of the Crown including departments, regulated funds, revolving funds, provincial agencies and other organizations or bodies of which the Auditor General is auditor.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Reports to the Legislative Assembly on the work of the Office of the Auditor General, and on matters which were observed during the course of that work, as required by section 19 of the *Auditor General Act*, after the end of the fiscal year of the Crown.

Undertakes special auditing or investigative assignments as may be specified by the Legislative Assembly and also, under certain conditions, as specified by the Executive Council.

OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL - *Continued*
 (thousands of dollars)

OPERATING EXPENSE

| Reference / Element | 2003-04 Estimates | | Comparable 2002-03 Forecast | | | Comparable 2002-03 Budget | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| | Gross | Credit or Recovery | Net | Gross | Credit or Recovery | | |
| 1 Office of the Auditor General | 17,200 | - | 17,200 | 16,571 | - | 16,571 | 16,571 |
| TOTAL | 17,200 | - | 17,200 | 16,571 | - | 16,571 | 16,571 |

EQUIPMENT / INVENTORY PURCHASES

| Reference / Element | 2003-04 Estimates | | Comparable 2002-03 Forecast | | | Comparable 2002-03 Budget | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|------------|
| | Gross | Credit or Recovery | Net | Gross | Credit or Recovery | | |
| 1 Office of the Auditor General | 105 | - | 105 | 145 | - | 145 | 145 |
| TOTAL | 105 | - | 105 | 145 | - | 145 | 145 |

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
(thousands of dollars)

| | 2003-04 Estimates | Comparable 2002-03 Forecast | Comparable 2002-03 Budget | Comparable 2001-02 Actual |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| REVENUE | | | | |
| Premiums, Fees and Licences | | | | |
| Audit Fees | 2,046 | 2,170 | 2,170 | 1,788 |
| Total Revenue | 2,046 | 2,170 | 2,170 | 1,788 |
| EXPENSE | | | | |
| <i>Voted</i> | | | | |
| Office of the Auditor General | 17,200 | 16,571 | 16,571 | 14,763 |
| Total Voted Expense | 17,200 | 16,571 | 16,571 | 14,763 |
| <i>Statutory</i> | | | | |
| Valuation Adjustments and Other Provisions | - | - | - | (21) |
| Total Voted and Statutory Expense | 17,200 | 16,571 | 16,571 | 14,742 |
| Gain (Loss) on Disposal of Capital Assets | - | - | - | - |
| NET OPERATING RESULT | (15,154) | (14,401) | (14,401) | (12,954) |

CHANGE IN CAPITAL ASSETS

| | | | | |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| Equipment / Inventory Purchases | 105 | 145 | 145 | 1,117 |
| Less: Disposal of Capital Assets | - | - | - | - |
| Less: Amortization of Capital Assets | (398) | (397) | (397) | (492) |
| Increase (Decrease) in Capital Assets | (293) | (252) | (252) | 625 |



OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN

G. G. S. (SCOTT) SUTTON
Ombudsman
Suite 2800
10303 Jasper Avenue, 427-2756

The Office of the Ombudsman promotes fairness in public administration within the Government of Alberta.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED (thousands of dollars)

| | 2003-04 Estimates | | | Gross Comparable | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Gross | Credit or Recovery | Net | 2002-03 Forecast | 2002-03 Budget | 2001-02 Actual |
| OPERATING EXPENSE to be voted | 1,958 | - | 1,958 | 1,829 | 1,829 | 1,444 |

OBJECTIVE

To conduct professional, impartial investigations on behalf of people who believe they have been treated unfairly through the administrative actions or decisions of the Alberta government. To recommend corrective actions if a complaint is supported.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Initiates investigations, in response to written letters of complaint, into government administrative matters that fall within the Ombudsman's jurisdiction.

Provides a referral and information service to direct people to the appropriate contact, department or other complaint mechanism for complaints both within and outside government.

Conducts "own motion" investigations - this refers to instances in which the Ombudsman, on his own initiative, decides to investigate an administrative issue within the Government of Alberta.

Investigates administrative matters in response to ministerial requests or referrals from a committee of the Legislative Assembly.

OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN - *Continued*
 (thousands of dollars)

OPERATING EXPENSE

| Reference / Element | 2003-04 Estimates | | Comparable 2002-03 Forecast | | | Gross Comparable 2002-03 Budget | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| | Gross | Credit or Recovery | Net | Gross | Credit or Recovery | | |
| 1 Office of the Ombudsman | 1,958 | - | 1,958 | 1,829 | - | 1,829 | 1,829 |
| TOTAL | 1,958 | - | 1,958 | 1,829 | - | 1,829 | 1,829 |

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

(thousands of dollars)

| | 2003-04 Estimates | Comparable 2002-03 Forecast | Comparable 2002-03 Budget | Comparable 2001-02 Actual |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| REVENUE | | | | |
| None | | | | |
| Total Revenue | | | | |
| EXPENSE | | | | |
| <i>Voted</i> | | | | |
| Office of the Ombudsman | 1,958 | 1,829 | 1,829 | 1,444 |
| Total Voted Expense | 1,958 | 1,829 | 1,829 | 1,444 |
| <i>Statutory</i> | | | | |
| Valuation Adjustments and Other Provisions | - | - | - | 33 |
| Total Voted and Statutory Expense | 1,958 | 1,829 | 1,829 | 1,477 |
| Gain (Loss) on Disposal of Capital Assets | - | - | - | - |
| NET OPERATING RESULT | (1,958) | (1,829) | (1,829) | (1,477) |



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

O. BRIAN FJELDHEIM

Chief Electoral Officer

Suite 100

11510 Kingsway Avenue, 427-7191

The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer provides administrative, logistic and financial support for the register of electors, general elections and by-elections, and plebiscites in support of the *Election Act* and the *Senatorial Selection Act*. The Chief Electoral Officer monitors and records the financial activities of registered parties, constituency associations and candidates to ensure compliance with the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act*.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)

| | 2003-04 Estimates | | | Gross Comparable | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Gross | Credit or Recovery | Net | 2002-03 Forecast | 2002-03 Budget | 2001-02 Actual |
| OPERATING EXPENSE to be voted | 1,994 | - | 1,994 | 1,760 | 1,760 | 1,132 |

OBJECTIVE

To provide administrative, logistic and financial support for the register of electors, general elections and by-elections, and plebiscites in support of the *Election Act* and the *Senatorial Selection Act*. To monitor and record the financial activities of registered parties, constituency associations and candidates to ensure compliance with the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act*.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Provides for the register of electors, elections, by-elections and plebiscites and for communication and liaison with the executive of registered parties, constituency associations, candidates and their campaign officials, and the general public pertaining to the established policies and procedures of the relevant acts.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER - *Continued*
 (thousands of dollars)

OPERATING EXPENSE

| Reference / Element | 2003-04 Estimates | | | Comparable 2002-03 Forecast | | | Gross Comparable 2002-03 Budget |
|------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| | Gross | Credit or Recovery | Net | Gross | Credit or Recovery | Net | |
| 1 Election Office | 717 | - | 717 | 632 | - | 632 | 632 |
| 2 Elections | 402 | - | 402 | 388 | - | 388 | 388 |
| 3 Register of Electors | 875 | - | 875 | 740 | - | 740 | 740 |
| TOTAL | 1,994 | - | 1,994 | 1,760 | - | 1,760 | 1,760 |

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
(thousands of dollars)

| | 2003-04 Estimates | Comparable 2002-03 Forecast | Comparable 2002-03 Budget | Comparable 2001-02 Actual |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| REVENUE | | | | |
| Other Revenue | | | | |
| Various | - | 4 | - | 24 |
| Total Revenue | - | 4 | - | 24 |
| EXPENSE | | | | |
| Voted | | | | |
| Office of the Chief Electoral Officer | 1,994 | 1,760 | 1,760 | 1,132 |
| Total Voted Expense | 1,994 | 1,760 | 1,760 | 1,132 |
| Statutory | | | | |
| Valuation Adjustments and Other Provisions | - | - | - | (33) |
| Total Voted and Statutory Expense | 1,994 | 1,760 | 1,760 | 1,099 |
| Gain (Loss) on Disposal of Capital Assets | - | - | - | - |
| NET OPERATING RESULT | (1,994) | (1,756) | (1,760) | (1,075) |



OFFICE OF THE ETHICS COMMISSIONER

VACANT
Ethics Commissioner
1250, 9925 - 109 Street, 422-2273

The Office of the Ethics Commissioner enhances public confidence in the integrity of Members of the Legislative Assembly and of the public service of Alberta by providing advice and guidance to Members and senior officials regarding their private interests in relation to their public responsibilities, by investigations into allegations of conflicts of interest, and by promoting the understanding by Members, senior officials, and the public of the obligations regarding conflict of interest contained in legislation or directives.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED (thousands of dollars)

| | 2003-04 Estimates | | | Gross Comparable | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Gross | Credit or Recovery | Net | 2002-03 Forecast | 2002-03 Budget | 2001-02 Actual |
| OPERATING EXPENSE to be voted | 387 | - | 387 | 372 | 372 | 300 |

OBJECTIVE

To provide elected Members of the Legislative Assembly and senior officials of the government with advice and recommendations regarding their private interests in relation to their public responsibilities and to provide an impartial investigation of allegations of conflict of interest from the public and from elected Members.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Promotes the understanding by Members of the Legislative Assembly of their obligations under the *Conflicts of Interest Act*, by senior officials of their obligations under the directive issued by the Minister of Justice and Attorney General, and by the public of conflict of interest obligations of Members of the Legislative Assembly and senior officials.

Obtains information from Members of the Legislative Assembly and senior government officials regarding their income, assets, liabilities, and financial interests and prepares public disclosure statements for Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Investigates complaints received from the public or from an elected Member respecting an alleged breach of the Act by a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides advice and recommendations on matters respecting obligations of the Members of the Legislative Assembly under the Act, and of senior officials pursuant to the directive of the Minister of Justice and Attorney General.

OFFICE OF THE ETHICS COMMISSIONER - *Continued*
 (thousands of dollars)

OPERATING EXPENSE

| Reference / Element | 2003-04 Estimates | | | Comparable 2002-03 Forecast | | | Gross Comparable 2002-03 Budget |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------------|
| | Gross | Credit or Recovery | Net | Gross | Credit or Recovery | Net | |
| 1 Office of the Ethics Commissioner | 387 | - | 387 | 372 | - | 372 | 372 |
| TOTAL | 387 | - | 387 | 372 | - | 372 | 372 |

OFFICE OF THE ETHICS COMMISSIONER - *Continued*

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
(thousands of dollars)

| | 2003-04 Estimates | Comparable 2002-03 Forecast | Comparable 2002-03 Budget | Comparable 2001-02 Actual |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| REVENUE | | | | |
| Refunds of Expense | | | | 1 |
| Total Revenue | | | | 1 |
| EXPENSE | | | | |
| <i>Voted</i> | | | | |
| Office of the Ethics Commissioner | 387 | 372 | 372 | 300 |
| Total Voted Expense | 387 | 372 | 372 | 300 |
| <i>Statutory</i> | | | | |
| Valuation Adjustments and Other Provisions | - | - | - | 13 |
| Total Voted and Statutory Expense | 387 | 372 | 372 | 313 |
| Gain (Loss) on Disposal of Capital Assets | - | - | - | - |
| NET OPERATING RESULT | (387) | (372) | (372) | (312) |



OFFICE OF THE INFORMATION AND
PRIVACY COMMISSIONER

FRANK WORK

Information and Privacy Commissioner
410, 9925 - 109 Street, 422-6860

The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner is responsible for reviewing information decisions of public bodies under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* or custodians under the *Health Information Act* and investigating complaints that personal information has been collected, used or disclosed in violation of these Acts.

AMOUNT TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)

| | 2003-04 Estimates | | | Gross Comparable | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Gross | Credit or Recovery | Net | 2002-03 Forecast | 2002-03 Budget | 2001-02 Actual |
| OPERATING EXPENSE to be voted | 3,293 | - | 3,293 | 3,220 | 3,220 | 2,665 |

OBJECTIVE

The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner monitors requests for access to information under Alberta's *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Health Information Act*. Additionally, the Office informs and educates Albertans about the Acts, taking time to listen to concerns, administer constructive advice to public bodies and custodians and investigate potential abuses.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Informing Albertans about the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Health Information Act*.

Reviewing the access to information decisions of public bodies under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Reviewing the access to information decisions of custodians and affiliates under *Health Information Act*.

Investigating how public bodies and custodians collect, use and disclose personal information to make sure that an individual's privacy is being protected.

Conducting investigations of public bodies to ensure compliance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Conducting investigations of custodians to ensure compliance with the *Health Information Act*.

Hearing comments from the public about how the Acts are being administered.

Researching anything affecting the achievement of the purposes of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Health Information Act*.

Commenting on the privacy and information implications of proposed legislation and programs.

Informing custodians and heads of public bodies when applicants have not been adequately served under the Acts.

Giving advice and recommendations about the Acts to heads of public bodies and custodians.

Authorizing the collection of personal information from sources other than the individual the information is about.

OFFICE OF THE INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSIONER - *Continued*
 (thousands of dollars)

OPERATING EXPENSE

| Reference / Element | 2003-04 Estimates | | | Comparable 2002-03 Forecast | | | Gross Comparable 2002-03 Budget |
|--|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|
| | Gross | Credit or Recovery | Net | Gross | Credit or Recovery | Net | |
| 1 Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner | 3,293 | - | 3,293 | 3,220 | - | 3,220 | 3,220 |
| TOTAL | 3,293 | - | 3,293 | 3,220 | - | 3,220 | 3,220 |

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
(thousands of dollars)

| | 2003-04 Estimates | Comparable 2002-03 Forecast | Comparable 2002-03 Budget | Comparable 2001-02 Actual |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| REVENUE | | | | |
| Refunds of Expense | | | | 4 |
| Total Revenue | | | | 4 |
| EXPENSE | | | | |
| <i>Voted</i> | | | | |
| Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner | 3,293 | 3,220 | 3,220 | 2,665 |
| Total Voted Expense | 3,293 | 3,220 | 3,220 | 2,665 |
| <i>Statutory</i> | | | | |
| Valuation Adjustments and Other Provisions | | | | 17 |
| Total Voted and Statutory Expense | 3,293 | 3,220 | 3,220 | 2,682 |
| Gain (Loss) on Disposal of Capital Assets | - | - | - | - |
| NET OPERATING RESULT | (3,293) | (3,220) | (3,220) | (2,678) |

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